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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Technical Intelligence Division

ATTENTION: Chief, TID/TAB

SUBJECT: Status of Binary Data Block Readers

REFERENCE: TID Memorandum - Binary Data Block Readers,
[redacted] Dated 2 October 1965

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1. At the present time the Agency is under contract with [redacted] for the design and fabrication of a binary data block reader. This reader, as contracted for, is being designed to handle new data block systems which have not been received in this building as yet. Specifically it will handle the DOD data block as written by the [redacted] silicon diode matrix, the proposed [redacted] SI package, the Eastman Kodak SI package, the Eastman Kodak Type 116-A Camera, and 6 formats proposed for the SR 71 Program. It will not handle the KH-4 camera configuration as presently received.

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2. In response to your referenced request of 2 August 1965 to increase the reliability of the present in-house data block reader, [redacted]

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[redacted] were contacted to determine how to best resolve your present operating problem.

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[redacted] is preparing a proposal which will present two alternatives: (1) to increase the reliability of the present reader, and (2) fabricate a second reader on a high priority basis. As yet no response has been received from the [redacted]. As soon as any proposals are received or we determine what action is in the best interest of your staff, we will contact you to discuss the matter further.

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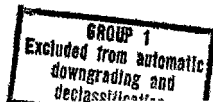
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